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DIAMONDS BRING BAD LUCK.

Reading of the finding of the diamond studded body of a Chicago cabaret owner is a reminder that flashing gems do not always bring good luck to their owners. History is filled with stories of tragedies, crimes and revolutions induced by an infatuation for possession of gems which have gone into the making of history. The Chicago saloonkeeper whose barbaric indulgence in a passion for diamonds led him to stick them all over his suspenders, elapsing and fasten them to his garters exemplifies what others in high life have done to satisfy their craving for the liquid carbons. All the revel, riot, recklessness, tragedies and dazzling riches of the world's history are crowded into the wonderful romance of the diamond. There is no unusual diamond in the world that is not black with crime and red with blood. The Express-Enterprise gem fell into the hands of a peasant after the owner was beheaded. The Hope diamond now owned by Mrs. Edward B. Melean who paid \$3,000,000 for it brought a violent death to each of its eighteen owners and the Melean family knew nothing but sorrow from the day it entered their possession. The Koh-i-Nur weighing 135 carats led Aurangzeb to deluge India with blood, slay his three brothers and de throne and imprison his father. This stone was valued at \$5,000,000. The Cullif weighing 139 carats is credited with encompassing the downfall of the Russian empire. This was stolen from the crown of an infant and presented to Catherine of Russia. The Florentine classed among the crown jewels of Austria when the war broke up Austria now in other hands after its possession brought about dismemberment of the dual monarchy. This weighed 147 1/2 carats and was valued at \$25,000. It was originally picked up on a medieval battlefield and sold for two francs, equal to fifty cents American money. For these gems men have plotted, women have sold their immortal souls and the covetous robbed, murdered and engaged in every form of crime. There is a volume of interesting facts relative to each of these stones which form one of the most absorbing studies of the gem dealers trade. Fiction in its maddest moods never invented romance and adventure more bewildering than the stories of these treasures.

DEEP MINING IN GOLDFIELD.

The report that a powerful company has been organized to sink a shaft 3,000 feet in the heart of the Goldfield district will recall the prediction of W. A. Clark made ten years ago that deep mining would establish another Butte in the gold camp which at that time was at the zenith of its prosperity. Senator Clark was the guest of the citizens of the gold camp at a banquet given in honor of the completion of the Las Vegas & Tonopah railroad and in the course of the evening he gave utterance to the words which may come to pass through the sinking of a shaft down below the alkali which has always been regarded as the bottoming formation of the Goldfield district. On the strength of the Clark theory the Atlanta and Merger shafts were sent down to depths that were expected to bring them into the copper zone far below where gold in paying quantities had been found. The two properties were operated on a joint contract through the Merger shaft which is still regarded as the best equipped in Southern Nevada. It is true that copper was found but the values were so low that the discovery never amounted to anything in developing commercial bodies. For years the progress of the work in these two shafts led to speculative rises in values based on the recovery of improved values but these never endured for more than a few rounds of shots when they reacted to the former base levels.

One of the most fascinating studies is the persistency with great engineers cling to the theory that some way the secret of the treasure vaults of Goldfield will be uncovered and the camp will come back with a swing that will startle the whole world with as strong a thrill as it did in the days of the Mohawk when millions a month were extracted from leases. Engineers have never been satisfied that the wealth of Goldfield contained in its underground vaults vanished from the earth and they still entertain the hope that by a lucky stroke one day the divergence of the mineralized area will be brought back. The men who are backing ten new enterprises are the best judges of the situation in the southern camp. They have been identified with its leading mines from the days of the Mohawk and have clung to the district with the conviction that they would yet wrest an adequate reward to offset a decade of heartbreaking disappointments.

IMPLEMENTS OF WAR ARE TOOLS OF PEACE.

The inauguration of a transcontinental aerial mail service is the best way of utilizing the investment made necessary by our entry into the world's war and at the same time keep in training an efficient air force which will be available at all times for another outbreak necessitating intervention by this country. These air routes are working a singular transformation in methods of doing business and the latest extension of the service will prove of great value in encouraging business relations from coast to coast. New York and San Francisco will be brought within two days of one another and instead of waiting the better part of a week to communicate with the opposite ends of the continent business men can receive letters and send replies with delivery guaranteed within four days. The intervening region will benefit in the same proportion so that the intermountain country can be within one day's distance of either side of the continent. Eventually the airplane service will be extended to the remote far north and the day is not far distant when mails will be handled regularly between Seattle and the cities of Alaska regardless of temperature or other weather conditions. This will stimulate active development of Alaska and the Yukon which have been allowed to hibernate for eight months of the year without adding anything to the world's wealth. Rapid communication with Nome, Fairbanks, Ketchikan, Dawson and Seward inlet will bring about a development whose value cannot

be estimated at this early stage of the airplane service. Suffice it to say that the incorporation of the airplane among the commercial activities will meet with a quick response in the expansion of trade.

A DISASTROUS FAILURE.

National prohibition as it operates has proved to be a disastrous failure. There is not enough money in the United States treasury to enforce the law against an unwilling people. Nothing less than a general system of espionage and household raids would measurably succeed in enforcement of the law, and such methods would be intolerable to the American people. As it is, under cover of legal authority we have had imposed upon us a sham prohibition that lays us open as a nation to the charge both of hypocrisy and moral dishonesty.—New York World.

MEXICO SHIPS SUGAR WEST TO SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—The prevailing high price of sugar in the United States is attracting sugar in large quantities from western Mexico to San Francisco, according to Victor Patron, a former Mazatlan merchant now in business in San Francisco, who reports that several thousand bags have arrived here recently by steamer from the States of Sinaloa and Nayarit. This is the first time in several years that there has been

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CORVALLIS, Ore., May 12.—A catalogue of the Oregon Agricultural college for the year 1867 was recently unearthed here, and the first thing to stare the finder in the face was a notice reading:

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At that time there were 126 students of whom about one-third were women. Now there are more than 1,000 women in attendance here. The faculty at that time consisted of four members. There are now 340 professors and instructors.

Sugar exported to California. Patron said Sinaloa has four refineries, two of them owned by American interests, while the Nayarit refinery is controlled by Spanish capital, he said.

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